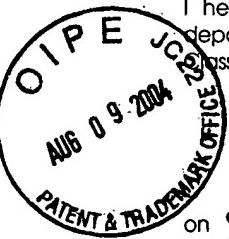


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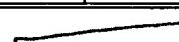
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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

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In response to the Office Action mailed July 28, 2004, please consider the following provisional election.

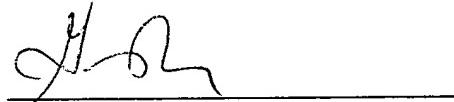
Provisional Election

Applicants hereby provisionally elect, with traverse the claims of Group I. Applicants respectfully request however, that the restriction requirement be withdrawn as the claims are sufficiently related that it would not be unduly burdensome for the Office to examine all the claims together.

Applicants would like to note that the Attorney Docket No. indicated in the restriction requirement is incorrect and would appreciate the Office changing it to "F7483(V)".

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully requested that the Office withdraw the restriction requirement and proceed to examine the application.

Respectfully submitted,



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